

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: MCLEODUSA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC.	DOCKET NOS. TCU-99-38 WRU-99-48-2504 (TCU-97-35) (TCU-96-3) (TCU-93-3)
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ORDER ACKNOWLEDGING SERVICE

(Issued January 24, 2000)

On October 28, 1999, McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc. (McLeodUSA), filed an application for modification of its certificate of public convenience and necessity. McLeodUSA asked to modify its certificate to allow it to provide local exchange service in all exchanges served by South Slope Cooperative Telephone Company (South Slope). At the same time, McLeodUSA requested a waiver of the requirement that it file maps and stated it will concur in South Slope's maps and subsequent changes to the maps.

On November 12, 1999, South Slope filed a response to McLeodUSA's application. South Slope identified statements in the application which it stated needed reconciliation, clarification, or substantiation. Among other things, South Slope stated extended area service providers were not served notice of the application. McLeodUSA has not yet responded to South Slope's filing. However,

on January 13, 2000, McLeodUSA filed a statement that notice was mailed to all affected customers on January 11, 2000.

Those who have just been served notice must be allowed an adequate amount of time to respond to the application. The Board cannot review the application until all affected persons have had an opportunity to respond. Therefore, for purposes of the Board's review pursuant to IOWA CODE 476.29(1999), the Board will deem McLeodUSA's application filed on the day it filed notice of service with the Board, or January 13, 2000.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

The application identified as Docket No. TCU-99-38, filed by McLeodUSA Telecommunications Services, Inc., is deemed filed on the day it filed a statement that notice was served to affected customers, or January 13, 2000.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Allan T. Thoms

/s/ Susan J. Frye

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary, Deputy

/s/ Diane Munns

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 24th day of January, 2000.